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SECRETARY MOODY says that 80 per cent of the men in the navy are native born.

It is thought that the general offices of the U. & O. railroad will be moved from Richmond to Clifton Forge, Va.

MANILA has a total population of something like 300,000, about 10,000 being American and European born. The American population is estimated at about 6,000.

The Louisiana Purchase Exposition will cover two square miles, or 1,240 acres—a larger area than that of the Chicago, Omaha, Buffalo and Paris expositions combined.

Mr. Emory says that only about one-tenth of the energy of coal is now utilized. We hope he or someone else comes to the front soon with a new stove or device by which the other nine-tenths could be used.

The University of Chicago is going to establish a department for a four years' course of instruction in young men and young women in the duties of practical servants. It will be easy enough to establish the department, but where are the students to come from?

A newspaper has a legal right to publish whatever an individual has a legal right to circulate orally. In other words, an individual has no more right to make criticism and accusations on the street than a newspaper has in its columns. This is something the average man doesn't know, if he did he would keep his mouth closed more than he does.

The National Stockman and Farmer, of Pittsburg, Pa., generally known as the World's Greatest Farm Paper, is giving more than ordinary attention to the Old Dominion this year. Besides having a large number of agents at work taking subscriptions, they are printing splendid articles on the State, and in the issue of November 12, in addition to a five column letter, they print two full pages of beautiful engravings, eight scenes in all, showing Virginia homes and products that will delight the readers in our State.

The Santa Fe railroad have received the largest locomotive ever made. It will weigh 150 tons, or to be exact 287,840 pounds. It is of the tandem compound type, in which the high-pressure and low-pressure pistons are carried on a common piston rod. There are 391 tubes, 21 inches in diameter by 20 feet long, in the boiler, which alone give a heating surface of 4,586 square feet. Adding the 210 square feet of heating surface in the firebox, we get a total heating surface of 4,796 square feet for the whole boiler. There are five pairs of drive wheels, 57 inches high. What do you suppose our engines will look like ten years from now?

The old song that "Uncle Sam is rich enough to give us all a farm" is no longer quite true. The people of the older States do not realize how rapidly the public lands are being absorbed, too many of them by mere speculators and not home seekers. As a result of the new irrigation law it is possible that 75,000,000 or 100,000,000 acres of desert will be made available for homes, but this will be a work of years and in the meantime Congress should so change the laws as to prevent the irrevocable lands passing into the hands of wealthy ranchmen and land dealers. Unless Congress shall soon make some radical change in the land laws, it will be charged that the millions that the government is spending for irrigation will be largely for the benefit of the speculators and great live stock interests.

In discussing the action of President Roosevelt in the Panama revolution Secretary Hay says:

"This brings us to the sudden and startling event which have so recently attracted the attention of this country and of the world. Although there has been no lack for many years past of numerous causes of discontent and anxiety among the people of Panama, it appears that the failure of the canal treaty convinced them that there was nothing more to be hoped for in their connection with the Colombian Government, which had never proved entirely satisfactory."

"They went to work with that talent for prompt and secret organization to which there is no parallel among people of Northern blood; they prepared the machinery of revolution in advance, and suddenly in a single day, without the firing of a shot, with the exception of a few shells that were thrown into the city from a Colombian steamer in the harbor of Panama, they accomplished their independence. A government consisting of leading citizens of the State was at once organized and proclaimed to the world. A part of the Colombian forces joined the revolution. The rest returned to Colombia, and so far as we are able to judge, the new republic begins its career with no organized opposition throughout the entire extent of the Isthmus."

HON. TATE IRVINE.

Hon. Tate Irvine was defeated in the Senatorial District composed of Lee, Wise and Scott counties. Considering the many difficulties in the way Mr. Irvine made a commendable fight. He is a strong man and popular, but the local ticket in part of his district did not do him any good.

Of course every fellow who runs for office goes in to win or to further the interests of some other man of the same political persuasion. In Mr. Irvine's district both these things acted against him. All the forces of the opposition were centered against him directly.

The local candidates in the various counties fought to win in some cases regardless of the Senatorial fight.

Mr. Noel, the man who defeated Mr. Irvine, is one of the strongest men the Republicans could have placed in the field.

Altogether we think Mr. Irvine made a race of which any man should feel proud.

He fought a good fight against great odds.—Reinold Courier.

The cost of our school system, public and private, is probably not less than \$500,000,000 a year. Our public common schools, which provide for more than 15,000,000 children, cost \$213,174,254 in 1900. Of this \$38,083,553 went for sites, buildings, furniture and apparatus, \$136,051,828 was paid in salaries to teachers and superintendents, and the rest chiefly in care of building, grounds, etc. There are 174,321 buildings in the United States used for school purposes, and their value, including land and contents of buildings, is placed at \$538,629,736. To-day there is enough schooling supplied to give every citizen 998 days of solid education as his life supply. Fifty years ago the average was but 426 days, and when the nineteenth century opened the average was but 82 days. To-day Uncle Sam gives his children more than 12 times as much schooling as he did a hundred years ago.

VIRGINIA REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 13.—The faces and features of the twelve men who represent the Old Dominion in the Congress of the United States, and their other peculiarities and traits form the subject matter for a good deal of interesting reflection. To begin with, five of them follow the custom of the statesmen of the anti-Civil War period and wear smooth shaven faces.

If one will stop to reflect, he will recall that none of the prominent men of Virginia and none of the presidents before Lincoln ever wore a beard. The five members of the delegation who are smooth shaven are Senators Martin and Daniel and Representatives Glass, Southall and Maynard.

The ranks of the smooth shaven ones lost a number and gained one by the last election. Rhos, of the Ninth district, who was defeated by Colonel Slem, were neither beard nor mustache, while his successor, Colonel Slem, wears both. Last year, of the Fourth district, wore a mustache, while his successor, Southall, is smooth shaven.

Those members who wear beards or mustaches or both are Rixey of the Eighth district, Slem, of the Ninth, and Lamb, of third. Heretofore there were only two, Rixey and Lamb. The other members of the delegation, Hay, Flood, Jones and Swanson wear mustaches.

Of the delegation all are lawyers, except Glass, Maynard, Lamb and Slem. Glass is newspaper man, and a good one; Slem is a dealer in mineral lands and a farmer, while Maynard and Lamb are politicians and statesmen; at least, they assign no other occupation than office-holding in the Congressional directory.

GRAND CHAPTER ELECTS OFFICERS.

One of the last acts of the Grand Chapter Masons, in session in Richmond last week, was the election of officers. They are given here:

Edward S. Coarad, of Harrisonburg, grand high priest; Sol. L. Bloomberg, of Richmond, grand king;

Samuel A. Thompson, of Culpeper, grand scribe; George W. Poe, of Richmond, grand treasurer; James B. Banks, of Petersburg, grand secretary; R. M. Ferguson, of Bristol, grand captain of the host; John H. Fisher, of Alexandria, grand principal sojourner; William B. McChesney, of Staunton, grand royal arch captain; E. L. Guy, of Norfolk, grand master of the third veil; W. S. Mathews, of Big Stone Gap, grand master of the second veil; S. W. Martin, of Danville, grand master of the first veil; Rev. J. R. Van Horn, of Clifton Forge, grand chaplain; W. C. Wilkinson, of Richmond, grand tiler; William Krause, of Richmond, grand marshal.

TEACHER IN THE BACKWOODS.

At a school in the backwoods a well meaning but misguided instructor gave her pupils the task of subtracting 629 from 880,788,889 until nothing remained as a home lesson. On the way from school the children rejoiced at so easy a requisition, but once at work their rejoicing speedily turned to sorrow. After working hours without any perceptible diminution of the figures the youngsters gave up in despair. Parents then tried, but with no better success. And small wonder. In order to complete the task the number given would have to be subtracted 1,400,390 times, leaving a small remainder. Some indignant parent calculated that, working at the rate of three subtractions a minute for twelve hours a day, the task given the children for an evening's exercise would require a little more than a year and nine months to accomplish.—Ex.

Doesn't Respect Old Age.

It's shameful when youth fails to show proper respect for old age, but just the contrary in the case of Mr. King's New Life Pills. They cut out of malice no matter how severe and irrespective of age, the symptoms of jaundice, fever, constipation all yield to this perfect pill. See, at Dr. J. W. Kelly's Drug Store.

OLD STYLE TEACHING.

The School Journal is indebted to a good friend in Ohio for a document which throws light upon at least one of those who "use to teach" in the good old times when all was well, when pedagogy was rated at less value than alchemy, when only "horn" teachers were wanted. The document consists of a brief note addressed to a primary teacher, having had occasion to punish "Robert" by having him stand in a corner and fearing he might be punished again when the fact should become known at home the teacher wrote to the mother of the boy and bespoke leniency for him. She was rewarded by the receipt of the following note, which is here given "verbatim et punctuatum."

"Miss—As you sit me a few lines a bout Robert I will tell you my idea I use to teach school my self but I could not teach children to read without learning them there a b c that was always the first to learn them but here they try to learn them to read without knowing there be so I will send Robert to chestnut hill with my other child so you see it is all right you spoke of me not to punish Robert I think if all tails is true you punished him enough for I was told you hit him over the head & cause the child to dislike you for I had to compel him to go every morning."—Virginia School Journal.

Proverbs

"When the butter won't come put a penny in the churn," is an old time dairy proverb. It often seems to work though no one has ever told why.

When mothers are worried because the children do not gain strength and flesh we say give them Scott's Emulsion.

It is like the penny in the milk because it works and because here is something astonishing about it.

Scott's Emulsion is simply a milk of pure cod liver oil with some hypophosphites especially prepared for delicate stomachs.

Children take to it naturally because they like the taste and the remedy takes just as naturally to the children because it is so perfectly adapted to their wants.

For all weak and pale and thin children Scott's Emulsion is the most satisfactory treatment.



We will send you the penny, i. e., a sample free.

See how this picture in the form of a label is on the wrapper of every bottle of Emulsion you buy.

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Wise County Teachers' Association, Big Stone Gap, Va., Friday and Saturday November 27-28, 1903.

- PROGRAM.
- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27.
- 10 A. M. Calling Association to Order—Mr. Shepper.
1. Piano Duet—Mrs. J. H. Mathews and Mrs. Rogers.
2. Hymn: America.
3. Scripture lesson and prayer by Rev. T. V. Shoemaker.
4. Hymn: Jesus My God to Thee.
5. Address of Welcome.
- (a) Mayor W. H. Horton.
- (b) Hon. W. H. Horsley.
- (c) Judge H. A. W. Skeen.
- (d) Hon. R. T. Irvine.
- (e) Prin. R. H. Shepper.
6. Vocal Solo—Mrs. L. O. Pettit.
7. Responses.
- (a) Supt. R. L. Counts.
- (b) Mr. C. N. Kennedy.
- (c) Prin. R. M. Addington.
- (d) Prin. C. Y. Chapman.
8. Vocal Solo—Mrs. J. F. Ballitt.
9. Roll Call.
10. Reading of minutes of last meeting.
11. Appointment at Committees.
12. Miscellaneous.

- AFTERNOON SESSION.
- 2 P. M. Call to Order—Supt. Counts.
1. Instrumental Duet—Misses Cole and Read.
2. Devotional Exercises.
3. Not How Much, but How Well.
- (a) Mr. R. H. Bolling.
- (b) Mr. & F. Stodgrass.
4. Is Teaching a Profession? Why?
- (a) Miss Grace Adams.
- (b) Mr. David Miles.
5. Neatness in the School-Room.
- (a) Miss Lelia Beatty.
- (b) Miss Mollie Wampler.
6. Should We Have a Compulsory School Law?—General H. A. Ayers.
7. Instrumental Duet—Mrs. Shoemaker and Mrs. Rogers.
8. Announcements.

- EVENING SESSION.
- Educational Mass-Meeting.
- 8 P. M. Call to Order—Supt. Counts.
1. Music: Orchestra.
2. Devotional Exercises—Rev. J. A. H. Shuler.
3. Vocal Duet—Miss Powers and Miss Cole.
4. Address.
- (a) Hon. J. F. Ballitt.
- Vocal Solo—Miss Mathews.
- (b) Mr. C. B. Slem.
- Instrumental Solo—Miss Cole.
- (c) Rev. W. H. Wampler.
- Instrumental Solo—Miss Margaret Naff.
- (d) Hon. John W. Chalkley.
- Vocal Solo—Mrs. J. F. Ballitt.
- (e) President F. B. Fitzpatrick.
- Vocal Solo—Mrs. L. O. Pettit.
- (f) Rev. J. A. H. Shuler.
5. Reading—Mr. John Fox, Jr.
6. Music: Orchestra.

- RECESSION, NOVEMBER 28, 9:30 A. M.
1. Call to Order—Supt. Counts.
2. Devotional Exercises—Rev. John Dabwell.
3. Music: Orchestra.
4. Music: Jesus Lover of My Soul.
5. School Punishments.
- (a) Prin. R. E. Kennedy.
- (b) Prin. M. A. Riggs.
6. School Hygiene.
- (a) Miss Archie Swanson.
- (b) Prin. C. Y. Chapman.
7. Busy Work.
- (a) Miss Mary Powers.
- (b) Miss Lelia Moore.
8. School Government.
- (a) Prin. R. H. Shepper.
- (b) Instrumental.
9. Miscellaneous.

- AFTERNOON SESSION.
- 2 P. M. Call to Order—Supt. Counts.
1. Devotional Exercises—Rev. W. H. Wampler.
2. Music: Orchestra.
3. Relation of Teacher and Pupil.
- (a) Miss Rose Riggs.
- (b) Prin. R. M. Addington.
4. How to Attract Interest Among Parents in Education.
- (a) Miss Eula Young.
- (b) Mr. C. B. Slem.
5. Business.
6. Reports of Committees.
7. Reading of Minutes.
8. Hymn: America.

FROM FREELING.

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PROLOGUE, V. A., Nov. 11.—The Great of Stoneville, Va., upon the charge of "burning a barn, the property of Moses Moore, Ray just been concluded in Judge Skeen's court, with a verdict of acquittal. Cog has secured a three year term in the penitentiary upon the charge of house burning from Wise. Cog is over fifty years old. Freeling Fleming was tried also at this term of court upon the charge of killing Alfred Hall last August, and was given nine years in the penitentiary. Fleming is only 19 years of age, and this is his first offense.

The crack of the sportsman's gun is heard among the hills in this vicinity. Squabblers are said to be quite plentiful, and are destroying outstanding corn crops.

The Mattie Photo Company has recently taken some fine shots of Pound Gap, and Taylor Hill. Illustrating the scenes of the murder of the Mallin family.

FROM CRAB ORCHARD.

CRAB ORCHARD, V. A., Nov. 15.—The public school at Oak Grove church is progressing finely; there has been a large attendance for the last week. The Thanksgiving day to be observed by all the schools is in order now on the 20th of this month.

Protracted shouting matches has been in regular order here for the past week. The boys seem to enjoy the sport finely.

R. F. Morris, one of the Imboden Coal and Coke Company's employees, was here last week visiting friends and relatives.

The farmers of this section have been very busy gathering their corn for the past week.

D. G. McKinnery closed out his business of merchandising here last week. His store house is now for rent to any one desiring to sell goods at this place.

COURT DAY IN VIRGINIA.

This old institution of the State is now almost a thing of the past. In a few months, under the provisions of the new Constitution, the county courts will be abolished and circuit courts held at longer intervals will take their place. We rejoice at this change. It is one which we had long advocated. There was no reason whatever why the taxes of the people should be expended in maintaining 100 county court judges with the necessary staff, when a much less number could easily discharge the duties. Economy and efficiency both demanded the change. While, however, we rejoice in the abolishing of the courts, we do not wish to see the gathering of the people together on court days abolished. In order that this may not follow, we suggest

that the county authorities and the people should, before the new Constitutional provisions come into operation, meet on a court day and make the necessary arrangements for continuing the court days as monthly markets at which the citizens of the county can meet and dispose of their live and dead farm products. In England every county town and most other towns in the counties, have a certain day in each week which is known as "market day." These are old established institutions, many of them dating back hundreds of years. On these particular days, and also on two or three other days in the year known as "fair days," the farmers bring in their produce of all kinds and dealers and buyers from all over the county and adjoining counties, and cities, attend to the sale of the produce in this way a large business is done, every one knowing that buyers and sellers will be there for products of every kind. There is no reason whatever why this same system of markets and fairs cannot be established here, and usually take the place of the old "court day," affording an opportunity much needed of a place to buy and sell and also for the meeting of the people to discuss any local and national questions. The County Board of Supervisors and other county authorities should arrange their meetings so as to be held also on these market days, and thus aid in establishing the market by bringing the people together. We commend this suggestion to the attention of the authorities and people of each county, and shall be glad to hear the views of the people on the subject. In the words of the good, old Book, we would say, "Praise not the assembling of ourselves together." The fact is too much isolation amongst farmers already. Get together and correct this.—Southern Planter.

COUNCIL MEETING.

Town Council met in regular session Nov. 17th, 1903. Present, W. H. Horton, Mayor; R. P. Barron, W. S. Rose, W. W. Taylor, Trustees.

Mayor reported 18 cases tried in the month of October and fines imposed \$31.90. Treasurer reported collections as follows:

Bal W. S. Roseley ex-Treas	\$255.25
Current Taxes	71.24
License Taxes	45.54
Fine Taxes	165.05
Pistol confiscated	1.00
Water Rents	\$302.00
Warrants paid	17.00
Commissioner	1.00
Bal in Hand Nov. 1	24.34

The following bills were presented and allowed:

W. S. Rose Chm's special committee Reservoir fund.	\$21.95
Big Stone Gap Post, printing.	30.82
G. W. Kilbourne Sept. & Oct.	1.00
Salary Capt. Sergeant.	30.00
W. B. Bonds, Expenses.	5.00
Nichols Bros. Streets.	24.45
Frank Witt, Salary.	15.00
Goodhue Bros. Street and water.	57.28
Lee Electric Co. Lights.	118.32
J. H. O'Brien, Salary.	31.35
M. Blocher, Salary.	15.00
Wm. Beaman, Salary & Expense.	54.61
Taylor Bros. Expenses.	2.50
W. H. Horton, Salary & Expense.	114.65
Andy Kline, Expense.	50
D. H. Palmer, Expense.	50
S. P. Flosser, Chm's Street Committee, Streets.	128.92
H. E. Fox, Streets.	12.00
Chas. Johnson.	32.80
Malcolm Smith.	7.50
Alex Clark.	3.10
Lige Colburn.	2.50
Hamble Bros. Streets & Water.	53.35
Total allowed on warrants issued Nov. 7, 1903.	\$791.38

Reservoir committee reported work on Reservoir progressing satisfactorily.

Water committee reported pipe line in good condition and the present supply of water adequate.

W. H. Horton, Mayor.

THE BRIDGE.

I stood on the bridge at midnight, As the clocks were striking the hour, And the moon rose o'er the city, Beamed the dark church tower.

I saw her bright reflection In the waters under me, Like a golden girdle falling And sinking into the sea.

And as far in the lake distance Of that lovely night in June, The flash of the flaming lance Gleamed redder than the moon.

Among the long, black rafters The swarming shadows lay, And the current that came from the ocean Seemed to lift and bear them away.

As, sweeping and eddying through them, From the boat side, And, streaming into the moonlight, The seaweed floated wide.

And like those waters rippling, Among the wooden piers, A flood of thoughts came o'er me That filled my eyes with tears.

How often, O how often, In the days that had gone by, I had stood on that bridge at midnight And gazed on that wave and sky!

How often, O how often, I had wished that the ebbing tide Would bear me away on its bosom Over the ocean wild and wide!

For my heart was full and restless, And my life was hot and care, And the burden laid upon me Seemed greater than I could bear.

But now it has fallen from me, It is buried in the sea; And only the shadows o'er me Throw its shadows over me.

Yet whenever I cross the river (In its bridge with wooden piers, Like the odor of brine from the ocean, Comes the thought of other years.

And I think how many thousands Of care-encumbered men, Each bearing his burden of sorrow, Have crossed the bridge since then.

I see the long procession Still passing to and fro, The young heart hot and restless, And the old subdued and slow.

And forever and forever, As long as the river flows, As long as the heart has passion, As long as life has woes;

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Write for Prices. PENNINGTON GAP, VA.

Another agricultural paper of recognized standing, the columns of which are edited by W. F. Manner, recognized as one of the ablest agriculturists in this country, contains the following interesting editorial under the caption "Virginia Advancing."

"Under the wise direction of the present Commissioner of Agriculture, W. W. Keelley there has been a marked improvement in the work the State Department of Agriculture is doing for the farmers of the State. The last annual report of the commissioner is a well illustrated volume of nearly 200 pages, replete with information for the farmer on almost every topic in which he is interested, and showing well what the farmers of Virginia are doing in the breeding of live stock, the improvement of the productivity of their soil and in the growing of apples and other fruits for export to foreign countries. One of the most striking illustrations in the volume is a picture of a Virginia cornfield in the hands of the great Dixie Swamp, and on land reclaimed from the Swamp. The field is 1,000 acres, and the crop was 60,000 bushels. The grain harvested the farmer who cultivated this great farm seven months a bushel more than Western corn sold for on the same market. The farm made a good crop of corn, it grew after a season of early potatoes has been harvested and shipped from the same land. The report shows that the State is advancing along all the lines in agriculture. The practical farmer has a large list of subjects in Virginia, and there are to be congratulated in having a commissioner and Board of Agriculture who are doing real work for the good of the farmer. There is but one other State in the country which sends out such reports for its farmers, and that is Kansas."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

TO ANIMALS MAN IS A GOD

"Every man found guilty is worthy of the greatest events of history! I am sure. However, we are open to suggestion, and are ready to hear from any one who has a suggestion, or any other who thinks he can throw light on the subject."—Stanton News.

A full sentence is never, but a sentence for the man who will not be over which he is master. Let us moderate in the selection of a sentence, responsibility of a living soul that has been given dominion over the beasts of the field and the fowls of the air. The short day, how improved he has been by his faithful house.

Behind just such a queer device of a master of the north took refuge. A friend of mine the house has been.

That noble animal was completely satisfied to man when his legs began to move.

And the dog. He was the staunch helper of his master. In all periods of history he has been a trustworthy friend, guard